

**John A. Dietrich**  
**Director and Chief Administrative Judge**

John A. Dietrich has been with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) since 2009, serving as an Administrative Judge, Dispute Resolution Officer, and mediator in a variety of matters. His cases include bid protests, contract disputes, and aviation-related enforcement matters. In 2019, he became the Director and Chief Administrative Judge of the Office of Adjudication.

Prior to joining the FAA, Judge Dietrich worked in the Department of the Navy (DON) Office of the General Counsel for over twenty years. His DON legal career began at the Naval Supply Systems Command working on protests before the General Services Board of Contract Appeals and the General Accounting Office. He joined the Navy Litigation Office and became a Senior Trial Attorney. While at the Navy Litigation Office, he represented the DON before various U.S. District Courts, Courts of Appeals, and the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. In his last position with the DON, he served as the Assistant General Counsel (Alternative Dispute Resolution). During his tenure with the DON ADR Program, the DON received ADR awards from both the Office of Personnel Management and the Office of Federal Procurement Policy. While with the DON, he received the DON Superior Civilian Service Award, two Meritorious Civilian Service Awards, and the Edward Connolly Award for excellence in the field of litigation.

After studying chemistry at Virginia Tech, Judge Dietrich received his Juris Doctorate from George Mason University School of Law. He was a member of the National Moot Court team and later served as the Managing Justice of the Moot Court Board. Judge Dietrich passed the Virginia bar exam in 1989. He served as a certified mediator in Virginia from 1998 through June of 2000, and as a mentor mediator in the DON until January of 2009. He graduated in 2002 from the Federal Executive Institute.

Judge Dietrich holds or has held many leadership positions in the Interagency ADR Working Group, the Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association, the ADR Committee for the American Bar Association's (ABA) Public Contract Law Section, and the ADR Committee for the ABA's National Conference of Administrative Law Judiciary.